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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above captioned continued prosecution application filed on even date, Applicants respectfully request that the following Preliminary Response be made part of the official record and considered. For the Examiner's convenience, a "clean copy" of all pending claims is attached as Exhibit B.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 29, 43 and 44 as follows. Marked up copies of the same appear under Exhibit A:

## **CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL**

I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment and Response is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an enveloped addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," Mailing Label No. EF000849208US on this 31st day of August, 2001.

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